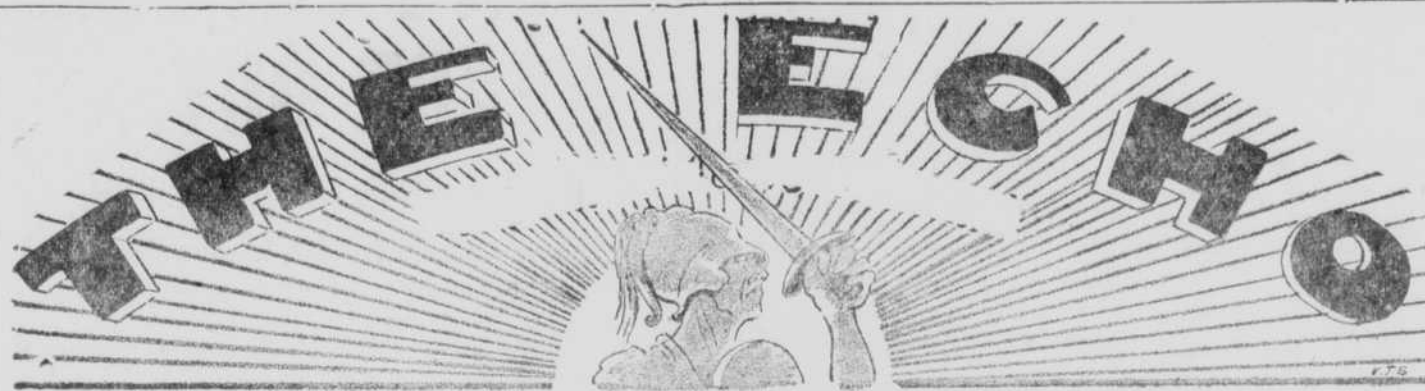


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TRAIN NEGRO RECRUITS

The T. J. Harris High School Begins Its Commencement

Exercises President Bell, To Deliver The Address

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM
T. J. HARRIS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

May Twenty-Second, Nineteen Hundred Forty-Two

Eight-Thirty P. M.

School Auditorium
T. J. Harris, Principal

PROGRAM

Processional—Priests' March (Athalia).....Mendelssohn
Barcarolle.....Offenbach

Invocation.....
Music—Will 'O The Wisp.....Spruss
(Girl's Glee Club)

Introduction of Speaker.....T. J. Harris
Principal, T. J. Harris High School

Address.....President Wm. H. Bell
Alcorn A. & M. College

Piano Solo—Barcarolle.....Dett
(Frances Beal)

Presenting Class to Principal.....Prof. Jonas Henderson
Awarding Diplomas and Scholarships.

Presenting Teacher Trainees.....Mrs. Eunice Turner
Awarding Certificates.....Dr. P. H. Eason
State Department of Education

Music.....Class Song
Recessional.

CALENDAR

May 11.....Senior Class Play
May 13.....Class Night
May 17.....Baccalaureate

Rev. T. R. Smith, Instructor of Religious Education,

Harris Senior High School

May 18.....Juniors to Seniors
May 22.....Graduating Exercises



President Wm. H. Bell
Alcorn A. M. College



Principal
T. J. Harris

Chaplin A. L. Johnson Is Leaving The Fort

Custer Reception Center

FORT CUSTER, MICH.—(Special) Chaplain Allen Levi Johnson, whose friendly counsel has provided encouragement for thousands of colored recruits in the past year, is leaving the Fort Custer Reception Center.

The popular Chaplain, who holds the rank of First Lieutenant, has been transferred to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, at his own request. Long experience in race relations in the South, convinced Chaplain Johnson that he could best serve his people in that section of the country.

To colored troops at Fort Custer, the transfer of Chaplain Johnson was a distinct loss. Men on the sick list were accustomed to seeing his familiar form enter the hospital ward and

halt at each bed-side. He would provide spiritual advice, add a friendly personal word and offer to see that personal effects or problems were taken care of.

Literally thousands of troops crowded the Reception Center chapel for Chaplain Johnson's popular sermons. His morale work brought tributes from fellow officers. One outstanding achievement of Chaplain

Johnson was the organization of clubs to aid and entertain colored soldiers. These clubs, which were located in such surrounding communities as Kalamazoo, Jackson, Albion, and Lansing, are credited with being a powerful force in keeping up the spirits of colored soldiers at the Fort.

Soldiers who have had contact with Chaplain Johnson reports that he stands so high in their esteem, because he is young enough to understand their problems, he has had a thorough education in religious subjects and as an outstanding athlete, he wins their admiration as a man.

HATTIESBURG, MISS.

Open Up General Secretary

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed you will find 2 applications for new members. Please forward these policies at once in order that they may be in line for the June Board.

A. J. Barnett, President
Lodge No. 270.

New Clothing and Shoe Exchange Opens

NEW STORE OPENS IN
MERIDIAN

The Harvey Shoe-Clothing Exchange has opened up for business at 408 25th Avenue. According to reports, this store had its formal opening on May 8th, at which time a large number of persons attended.

Persons interested in new and used apparel, are invited to visit the Harvey Shoe-Clothing Exchange before buying elsewhere.

The Weekly Echo wishes to take this medium to congratulate the management for this forward step in opening up a store of this kind in down town Meridian.

If you are looking for real bargains, don't fail to visit Harvey's Shoe-Clothing Exchange. Courteous clerks await to serve you.

CHANGE IN BOARD

To the Presidents, Members and Friends who plan to attend the Board at Picayune on June 3rd:

The Board will be held at Poplarville instead of Picayune. Please govern yourselves accordingly. Remember, the place is Poplarville with Mr. A. D. Sandifer as president instead of Picayune with Mr. Aaron Trotter President.

H. B. A. Office.

Negro Recruits To Be Trained At Great Lakes

NEGRO RECRUITS TO BE TRAINED AT GREAT LAKES

Negro recruits who volunteer for general service in the Navy will be trained at the Naval Training Station Great Lakes, Illinois.

Negotiations are being conducted with other schools for advanced training facilities.

Recruiting of Negroes for general service is to be begun as soon as barracks and other buildings, now under construction, are ready for occupancy. It is expected that this work will be completed about June 15.

It has been the Navy's policy to keep recruiting in close step with the availability of training facilities as it is considered undesirable to have enlisted men stand by for more than a few days awaiting orders.

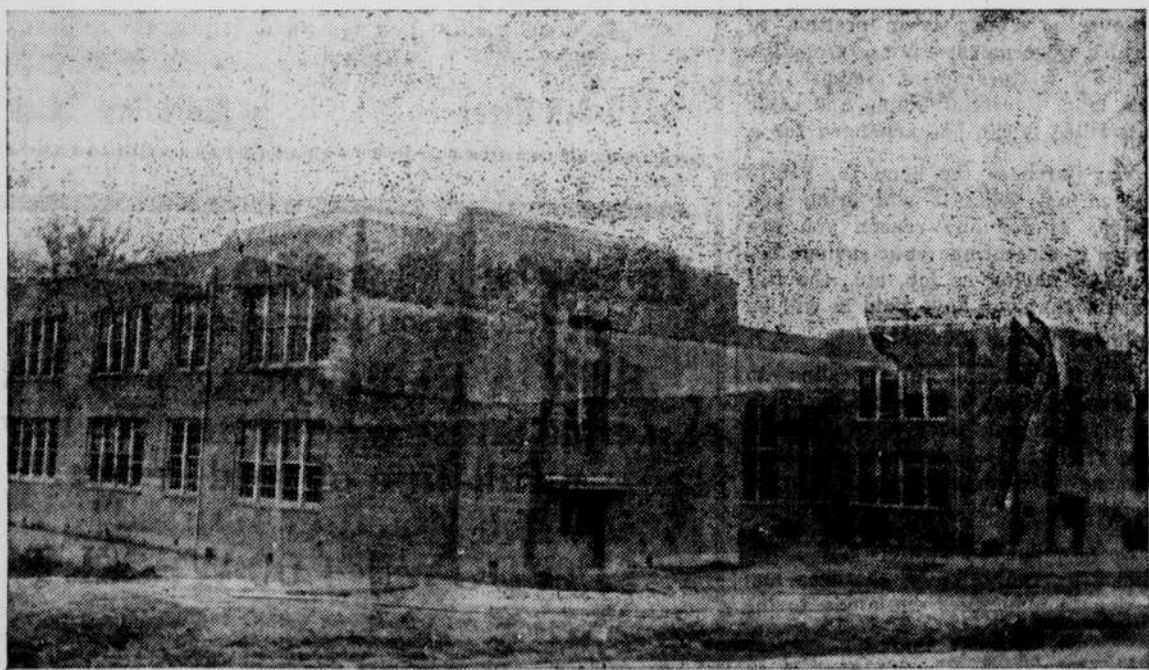
Timely announcement will be made of the date of commencement of recruiting.

NEW AUGUSTA, MISS.

Dear Secretary:

This is Bertha Sellers at the door again with one more application to be counted in the 1000 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE. Enclosed you will find \$1.25 for a renewal.

Bertha Sellers, Secretary
Lodge No. 245.



T. J. HARRIS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

June Boards CALENDAR

Collection \$1.35 Per Member

Monday, June 1st, State Line, Miss.
C. L. Moore, President

Wednesday, June 3rd, Poplarville
A D. Sandifer, President

Friday, June 5th, Dekalb, Miss.
H. C. Jennings, President

Tuesday, June 9th Macon, Miss.
Wm. Neal, President